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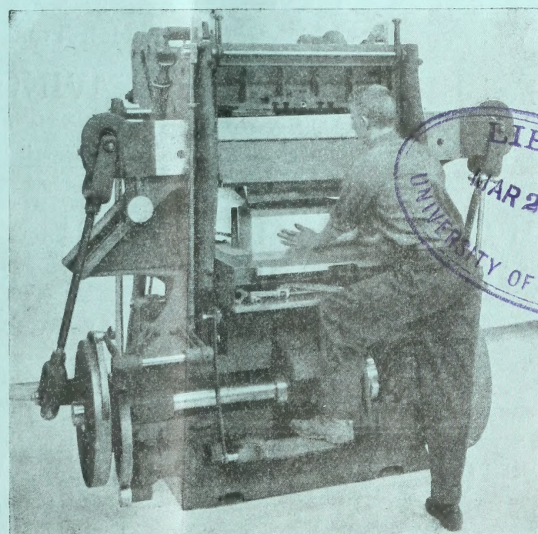
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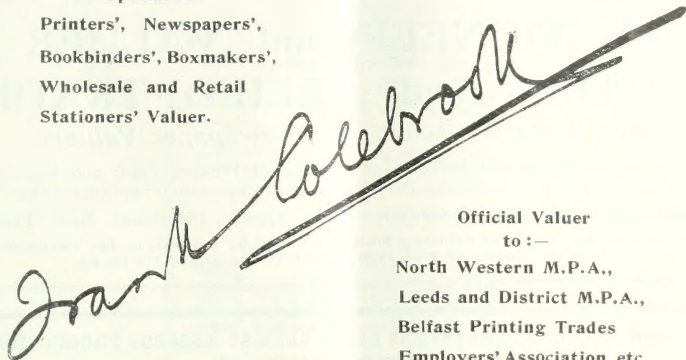
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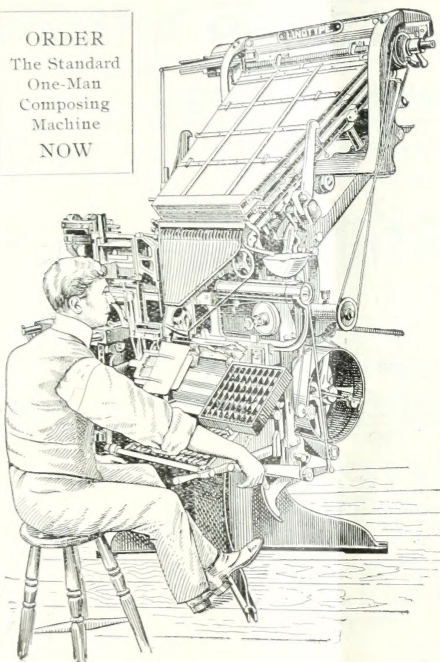
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A Bindery That Has Made History.

A Glance at the Past and Present Activities of Messrs.
Leighton, Son and Hodge, Limited, Bookbinders.

Of some special interest among London bookbinding establishments is the house of Leighton, Son and Hodge, of 16, New-street-square, E.C.4. Making history bindings is a very different thing from "making" binding history, and while the Leighton firm has done plenty of work in the former category—Mr. Wells' famous "Outline of History," by the way, is now among the books going through their bindery—they can also lay claim to having "made history" in some degree, as their name stands identified with some important innovations recorded in the annals of the binder's craft.

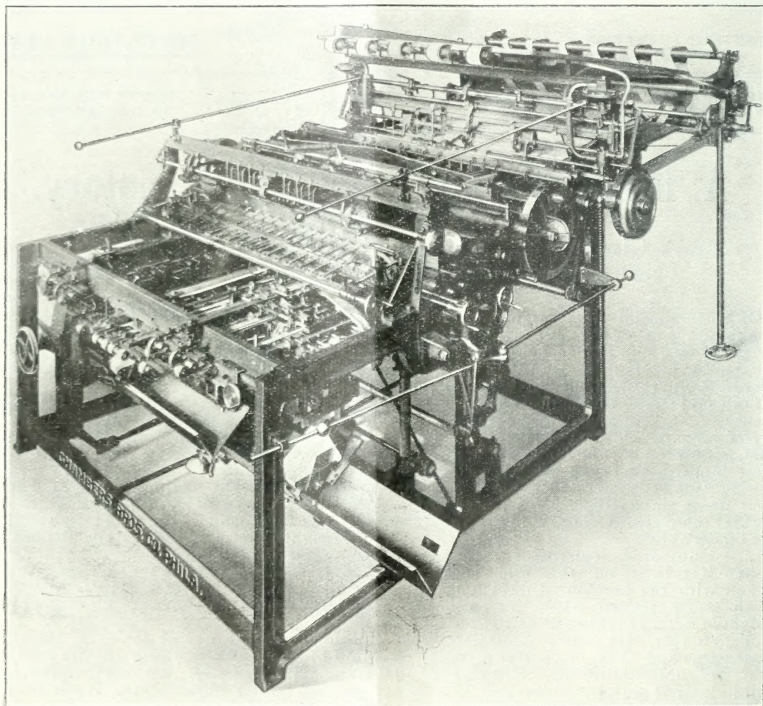
Like many other denizens of the centre of London's printermind, this firm is closely linked with the London of days long past. Their story started when Mr. Archibald Leighton set up for himself as master bookbinder in 1867. He was a Scotsman, from Aberdeen, and was evidently a man of character and ability as he succeeded in building what was then regarded as a very substantial business. He died in 1784 and was succeeded by his son, Mr. Archibald Leighton, junior, whose enterprise was shown in his being prominently associated with what proved an important new departure in the use of materials. Up to the third decade of the nineteenth century, cloth was not used for book covers. Apart from fancy binding in silk and the like, leather was the staple material, while the cheapening of book-production (with the advent of cheaper paper) led to the turning out of books of the more ephemeral type in paper boards. It was Mr. Archibald Leighton who, in 1822, first introduced cloth as a material of commercial bookbinding. The cloth then used was thin

calico, dyed, stiffened and glazed, and the change was gradual from that to the specially made and finished book cloth such as is used to-day. It was not until about 1832 that cloth binding came into common use. It was in that year, too, that Mr. Archibald Leighton pioneered another important innovation, namely, the practice of gold-blocking direct on to the cloth cover. It was the custom of the time to print or block the title on to a piece of paper, silk or other material, which was afterwards stuck on the cloth. As the result of experiments made in his own works, Mr. Leighton in 1832 produced the first books with gold blocked directly on to the binding. This transition is shown in interesting fashion in the 8vo. edition of "Byron's Life and Letters," which the firm were binding at the time. Extant copies show that of this edition volumes I. and II. carry stuck-on gold-blocked labels, while in the case of volume III. and the numerous succeeding volumes similar gold-blocking is effected on the cloth itself.

In 1842 Robert Leighton, son of the last-named, succeeded to the control at the business at the early age of 20. He proved an energetic and enterprising chief, and under his régime the firm was among the London houses which pioneered the adoption of much of the bookbinding machinery which, in more or less developed form, is of so much importance to the trade to-day. He passed on the management to his sons, Robert and Thomas Leighton, whose names are closely associated with the big forward movement in English bookbinding in the period made famous by such craftsmen as William Morris, Aubrey Beardsley and Walter Crane.

At the present day the Leighton tradition is worthily carried on by the brothers Robert Leighton and Douglas Leighton, who, with Mr. Joseph Brown, now constitute the directorate. Mr. Brown, by the way, is distinguished as the designer of some admirable book-covers, and is at present specialising in colour blocking, a notable feature of which is the delicate colour-gradations achieved. Among recent designs of his may be mentioned those for the new Harmsworth Self-Educator, the Keats Centenary Volume

The plan of the works provides for the reception of materials in the basement, where also the sheets are cut in a number of guillo-tines of different makes. Here, too, the greater part of the folding is done, among the folding machines employed being not only a large "Dexter" folder that has proved its usefulness by many years of faithful service, but also a "Chambers" quadruple book-folding machine with "King" automatic continuous feeder—a piece of machinery which is attracting a good deal of interest in the



"Chambers" Quadruple Book-Folding Machine, with "King" Automatic Continuous Feeder.

and the *Daily Telegraph* Victory Atlas of the World.

A peep into the works of Messrs. Leighton, Son and Hodge to-day shows that laurels gained in the past have not been allowed to hinder the adoption of modern methods. While old and tried apparatus and processes are maintained where they cannot be bettered, one finds them now side by side with the latest inventions in machinery and labour-saving contrivances.

bookbinding world—which is regarded by Messrs. Leighton Son and Hodge as an important asset to their business. We illustrate the machine herewith. It can take a 64-page sheet, and fold, slit and deliver either as four separate 16-page sections or as two 32-page sections (one 16-page section being inserted in another). The machine runs at the rate of 2,500 to 3,000 sheets per hour, producing 10,000 to 12,000 16-page sections hourly. An important feature is the fact that a sheet goes on to this machine

just as it comes from the printer, so that not only is preliminary cutting entirely obviated but the pages can all be machine-folded with accuracy of register, the lay-edge of the sheet as printed being used as the lay-edge for the folding. The advantages of thus dispensing with unnecessary cutting and with hand-folding are obvious. We understand that Messrs. Leighton's "Chambers" folder is to be joined in a few weeks' time by a couple more of the same machines.

In this basement already one is reminded of the great advantages that are now being gained from motion-study as applied to the elimination of unnecessary movements in industry. Here, as on the other floors, careful arrangements are made for the easy transportation of materials so as to keep each operative well provided with all that he needs. In more than one case gravity rollers are installed to enable consignments to be slid rapidly down the shop to the point of requisition. Another device which merits special mention is the new form of truck (the "Ajax"), developed in the stress of munition works' requirements, whereby ceiling-high stacks of paper, boards or books can be moved *en masse*, as much transportation being done in quarter of an hour as used to occupy the best part of a day. The stacks are piled upon a sleigh-shaped device, the runner-like sides of which raise the horizontal boarding from the ground. Thus the specially designed truck can be run underneath the whole, and when the height of the truck is forcibly increased, by the use of lever gear which it embodies, the stack stands clear of the floor and mounted on wheels ready to be pushed wherever desired.

From the basement the folded sheets go by lift to the top of the building, where they are next gathered and sewn. While the up-to-date touch is here given to the work-room by the presence of a large battery of Smyth sewing machines, one sees also in action hand-sewing frames which are still in use for extra large or special bindings when occasion demands.

Then in the case-making and casing-in departments hand case-making processes are to be seen in close juxtaposition to the Smyth and Sheridan case-making machines. One may meet here an old friend, *Punch*, whose covers have been made in this establishment ever since our national humourist was quite a youngster of a journal.

It is by machinery also, of course, that the nipping, rounding and backing and trimming are performed, and one notices the Seybold three knife trimmer at work giving striking evidence of the speed and precision which the developments of engineering have made possible.

Thus, conserving good features of past craftsmanship, while at the same time welcoming the economies which present day invention has to offer, this old-established bindery is endeavouring to link quality with quantity and to show that wholesale and inexpensive production is not incompatible with a product that is both beautiful and durable. And certainly every effort in this direction represents energy well spent, for it is on to-

day's best time-saving and labour-saving methods in combination with the sound materials and careful finish of days gone by that we must rely if we would see the book-binding craft achieve the widest service and greatest prosperity.

Langston Monotype.

Progress of the Undertaking.

The thirteenth ordinary general meeting of the Langston Monotype Corporation, Ltd., was held on Thursday, last week, at Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.

Lord Askwith, K.C.B., K.C. (Vice-Chairman), presided, and in moving the adoption of the report, said that the directors recommended that out of the net profit of the year's trading, after providing for depreciation and other charges, a final dividend of 5 per cent. should be paid, making 8 per cent. for the year, that the sum of £50,000 should be placed to general reserve account and that the balance should be carried forward. The net profit upon the year's trading was £69,095, as compared with £39,480 for 1913. In concert with many other companies they had to meet three difficulties, namely, patents, excess profits duty and the rates of exchange. The company was built up upon patents which were taken out to conserve and to surround the original patents which had to be taken out in many other countries besides Great Britain and the United States. Considerable efforts had had to be made during the past year, and were still being made, on the success of which he congratulated the managing director, Mr. Duncan, for the re-establishment of their rights and patents in Germany and Austria.

The next point was the excess profits duty. Anyone who was connected with any company must be glad to know that that duty was to come to an end. If it had not existed they would have at least £100,000 in cash to introduce into the industry and to use in the development of the corporation.

The third point was the question of the rates of exchange. Although they made very large portions of the machines in this country, they got other portions of the machines from the United States of America, and they also had a large and developing trade throughout the Continent of Europe. They were hit both ways; they had to buy from America, and they had to pay the Americans larger sums than they had done in the past. It was not only in the United States that these provisions prevailed, but in other countries, too, including Europe and India. The corporation might appear from the balance-sheet to have suffered from the unfavourable exchanges, but it was interesting to note that the claim for excess profits duty would be considerably abated on this account. The corporation was in a strong position.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Need for Cost-Reduction.

South-East London Master Printers' Resolution.

At the monthly meeting of the South-Eastern District of London Master Printers' Association, which took place on Tuesday of last week, discussion turned from the affairs of the local Association to the urgent question of the general high cost of printing, in regard to which a noteworthy resolution was forthcoming. The proceedings were of informal character, being carried on over the tea-cups. Mr. Cecil Clay was in the chair.

Mr. C. A. Bates, now back in London, was able to be present for the first time since his illness, and was cordially welcomed. The reading of the minutes provided an opportunity of which he availed himself to thank Mr. E. B. Smith and the members of the South-Eastern Association for the message of good wishes sent him from the January meeting.

The secretary read a letter received from 24, Holborn, to the effect that, in view of the small support forthcoming from other London districts, the suggestion of a grading scheme for the outer suburbs could not be acted upon.

Mr. Cecil Clay's Resignation.

The secretary read another letter from headquarters reporting an intimation received from Mr. Cecil Clay (chairman of the S.E. Association) that his firm, Messrs. Richard Clay and Sons, Ltd., were giving up printing in London and that he would accordingly have to retire from the Council of the L.M.P.A. and from his connection with the S.E. Association.

Mr. Clay said he would be very sorry to dissociate himself from the printing trade of London, but his firm had sold their London works and would not be printing in London after the end of the month. He would still be connected with the Federation, however, the firm of Richard Clay and Sons being members of the Norwich Association. It was with much regret he tendered his resignation; he could only hope a change of president might prove of benefit to the Association.

Mr. J. R. Brigenshaw proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Clay, expressing members' gratitude for the generous way in which he had helped the association. He said that besides ably filling the position of chairman of the S.E. Association Mr. Clay had put in a great many hours—perhaps few members present knew how many—in the service of master printers at 24, Holborn. Mr. Clay had suggested they might get a better chairman to succeed him; if they got one who would do as well as Mr. Clay had done they would be very well satisfied.

Mr. Bates cordially seconded the motion, expressing his regret at the Association's loss of Mr. Clay, and assuring those present, from

his own experience of Council meetings, of the great assistance Mr. Clay had been able to give at headquarters.

The vote being carried unanimously with acclamation, Mr. Clay made a brief response of thanks.

The question of the election of a new chairman was left to the committee, the matter to be brought up at the next meeting.

The finding of two members to fill vacancies on the Council of the Camberwell Unemployment Committee was left in the hands of the joint secretaries.

Printers' Prohibitive Costs.

Reference having been made to the "little red book" the new minimum price list sent to all members—a discussion ensued on the possibilities of reducing the cost of printing, with a view to counteracting the falling off of orders caused by the present high costs. The discussion eventually crystallised into the following resolution, for transmission to L.M.P.A. headquarters, which was unanimously carried: "That the South-Eastern District Association is of opinion that the time has arrived for the Parent Association to approach the federated unions for a conference with a view to remedying unemployment, and to consider means to that end."

Some criticisms, though not in very precise terms, were forthcoming with regard to the new standard rates. Reference was made to allegations of printers' charges being exorbitant.

Mr. W. Whyte said the L.M.P.A. had been in touch with Roneo, Ltd., respecting their advertisements, and had been assured that the attitude of the company, was not that they wished to take work away from printers, but that they wished printers to install Roneo machines and undertake duplicating work themselves.

Mr. E. B. Smith pointed out that the new minimum rates were in no way arbitrary but represented, he thought, necessary modifications of the previous list which was based upon very careful and extensive investigation of printers' costs by a committee of jobbing printers.

The Minimum Subscription.

Announcement was made of a proposal from headquarters that the minimum subscription to the L.M.P.A. should be increased. A short discussion followed, the preponderance of feeling being apparently that the subscription of a guinea was quite inadequate.

Mr. Whyte remarked that after deduction had been for the Federation appropriation, and for the proportion refunded to the local association, minimum subscriptions did not leave headquarters enough even to meet the specific expenses incurred on behalf of the individual members concerned.

Mr. H. N. Prentice, the treasurer, suggested the inauguration of local classes in connection with the Federation costing campaign.

It was decided that Mr. A. Williamson be invited to attend the next meeting, when there would be an opportunity to arrange for classes, and also to discuss the new price list.

Printers' Managers and Overseers ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER CENTRE.

The Annual Dinner.

Seventy-four ladies and gentlemen assembled at the Victoria Hotel, Deansgate, Manchester, on Saturday last, the occasion being the annual dinner of the Manchester and District Centre of the Printers' Managers and Overseers' Association. Mr. Thos. Rignall, the president, had the support of Messrs. F. E. Robinson (vice-president), J. E. Wilson and F. Martin (Liverpool Centre), J. W. Wormald and W. H. Wray (Yorkshire Centre), John Sever and W. Geo. White (president and secretary Master Printers' Association), Harry Skinner (general secretary, Typographical Association), John Allan and Thos. Sproat (chairman and general secretary of the Lithographers' Society), J. Marsh (president, Manchester T.A.), and others.

After full justice had been done to a substantial repast, the cloths were removed, when the chairman proposed the toast of "The King," which was enthusiastically received.

A feeling reference was then made to the late Thos. Kirkwood, whose remains had been laid to rest on the previous Monday, the company upstanding in silent respect.

The toast of "The P.M. and O.A." was proposed by Mr. John Sever, who remarked that managers and overseers held responsible positions, having to stand between the employer and the craftsman. Their qualities had to combine character with firmness and urbanity. It was not an easy thing to deal fairly between master and man, and he (the speaker) on many occasions sympathised with the overseer who tried to do his best, but through force of circumstances was unable to please both the employer and the craftsman at the same time. Touching upon the question of the Joint Industrial Council, he thought there should be some provision made for managers and overseers, as under the present arrangements there was no proper representation for them. The employers' association was in sympathy with the P.M. and O.A., as it was those gentlemen on whom they had to rely for the successful carrying on of the various businesses.

Mr. F. E. Robinson briefly replied.

Mr. J. E. Wilson chiefly directed his remarks to the challenge cup trophy, which was in front of the chairman, and he stated that Liverpool later on in the year would strive to become the holders for 1921-22.

Mr. J. W. Wormald (Yorkshire) observed that such gatherings as the present one showed that they were in unison one with another. Members of the P.M. and O.A. were often between the devil and the deep sea, and at times it was difficult to tell the other from which. They were ambassadors of all that pertains to print, and many times they were

in difficulties in attempting to distinguish the various standpoints between the masters and the men. It augured well for the craft when the officials of the various craft unions and associations met together in harmony around the festive board. The Association was progressive, its special objects being educational and sociable, and every manager and overseer who was outside its ranks was failing to keep in the van of progress. Yorkshire Centre had taken up that attitude, one of its aims during the coming year being to make great efforts to see that neither Manchester nor Liverpool should be possessors of the Bowling Cup during 1921-22.

Wages in the Printing Trade.

Mr. Harry Skinner (T.A.), mentioned the black cloud that was hanging over the trade, it being very depressing to the employer, the manager, the overseer, and the craftsman. At the present time there seemed to be a propaganda through the press to expect a reduction in the wages of the craftsman. Fortunately for their particular craft the employers had not attempted to put the necessary machinery in motion, as its operations would not be agreeable to even managers and overseers, let alone the craftsman. In the past the workers in the printing trade had not been too well paid, therefore there would have to be an extraordinary drop in the prices of all commodities before any attempt could be put forward to make reductions. If at a later date it should be suggested, the unions were prepared to resist to the uttermost any endeavour to lower the scale of living to the basis of what it was in pre-war days. As regards the P.M. and O.A., he could safely say that whatever suspicion there was felt amongst the rank and file it had died away by a larger experience of the actions and motives of its members. He wished success to the Parent Body, the Centres, and particularly the Manchester centre.

Mr. Marsh (T.A. local) apologised for his secretary, Mr. W. Hunt, who was laid aside through illness. He remarked that his committee had found the relationship between the two local bodies to be of the happiest nature.

Mr. J. Allan (Litho) said by coming into contact with and getting fully acquainted with the aims and objects of the P.M. and O.A. his members were becoming less suspicious. The chairman that evening had done a lot of good in helping various craftsmen. He looked to such an association to have sympathy with those under them because by tact they could get the best out of the craftsman.

Mr. Thos. Sproat (Litho) had every sympathy with the manager and overseer who was conscious that his buffer position required carefulness in handling both the employer and the craftsman. The printing trade had not suggested any reduction in payment to the producers, but if it did come he would recommend that they resist it to the last penny. Prices had gone up and wages had afterwards followed, therefore when prices had greatly come down wages may be com-

pelled to show a slight reduction. In the past the craftsman had not been adequately paid, and it was up to all of them to see that remuneration was forthcoming according to the skill and requirements of the craft. The question of apprentices was one that he would like every overseer to take an interest in. Many times the lads were neglected, sometimes because the overseer did not interest himself in the lads, or the force of circumstances prevented the overseer from giving the necessary time and attention. If unable to do so, he should appoint some responsible man to see that the apprentices were properly trained.

At this stage the secretary (Mr. F. J. Hughes) was instructed to forward a letter of sympathy to Mr. W. Hunt, wishing that his recovery to perfect health would be rapid.

The toast of "The Ladies and Artists," was given by Mr. Edward McVay in a humorous speech, Mr. Wm. Teer replying.

There was a varied selection of musical items interspersed between the speeches, the artists being Messrs. J. H. Nuttall, A. Hellewell, E. Fisher, A. Young, W. R. Cannell, Miss Barbara Orrell, with Miss C. Mahen as accompanist.

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Walmsley, W. E. Apparatus for closing end flaps of collapsible cardboard boxes. 4,135.

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- Logan, J. Machine for making window envelope blanks. 158,179.



"The Printers' Exchange."

SIR,—With reference to the report of the meeting of creditors in several of the trade papers in connection with the *Printers' Exchange*, we think it should be known that we are the original holders of the copyright of a register under the name of the *Printers' Exchange*, and that we gave permission, for certain considerations which need not be specified, to the company above mentioned to use the same title. In their first issue they made an acknowledgment to us, but as they stated we had incorporated our publication with theirs and that we were discontinuing ours, which was not in accordance with the arrangements or the facts, they made the necessary correction in their second issue.

We therefore beg to state that we have no connection whatever with the journal which has a receiving order against it, and that we continue to issue the *Printers' Exchange*, which title now belongs to us exclusively.

Yours faithfully,

H. J. COLES.

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February 11th.

Costing Lecture at Derby.

By arrangement with the Derby Master Printers' Association and the local Education Authority, Miss G. E. Etherington, the well-known costing instructor at St. Bride Institute, gave, on Friday, February 11th, an interesting explanation of the working of a costing system; dealing with the necessity and reasons for using a system, the advantages and benefits to be derived by its use by (a) the worker (b) the firm (c) the industry—followed by a lucid explanation of the working of the system advocated by the Federation of Master Printers.

Those present evidently appreciated the able manner in which the lecturer dealt with the principles of the costing system. The lecture was all the more valuable in that it was given by one who has no propaganda campaign to consider, the conclusions arrived at being based on actual daily experience encountered in a large London printing establishment.

At the end of the lecture a number of questions were asked, and were duly answered by Miss Etherington and by the chairman, Mr. Simpson, of the Derby Master Printers' Association.

The usual votes of thanks were carried with enthusiasm.

Trade Notes.

THE Paper Box Trade Board has postponed for two months consideration of an application to increase male workers' wages from 55s. to 65s. a week.

BROUGHT forward a week, the annual dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund will be held at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland-avenue, W.C., on April 28th.

SIR LEICESTER HARMSWORTH was the buyer in the sensational transaction last week when the Moncton Papers were sold for £5,050, Messrs. Quaritch acting on Sir Leicester's behalf.

THE trial of the three men concerned in the "Bank Note Case"—Ford, Levy and Kurasch—for offences under the Forgery Act, was begun on Monday before Mr. Justice Lush at the Old Bailey.

THE late Mr. Charles Hickson Waterlow, son of the late Sir Sydney Waterlow, Bt., left gross estate of £49,827, bequeathing £1,000 to his secretary, and one year's wages to each of his servants.

AN interesting and informative lecture was given in the Bury Y.M.C.A. on Saturday evening, on the "Art of Etching," by Mr. Joseph Knight, headmaster of the Bury School of Art.

SIR HENRY DALZIEL, M.P., on Tuesday informed his supporters in the Kirkcaldy Burghs that, for reasons of health, he has reluctantly decided to apply for the Chiltern Hundreds forthwith.

MANY notable items will be included in the sale, which Messrs. Sotheby announce for March 10th and 11th, of books from the library founded by Mr. William Henry Miller of Craigentenny (1789-1848).

AMONG the prophecies which the reporters succeeded in drawing from Mr. Edison on the occasion of his seventy-fourth birthday last week was one to the effect that books and newspapers will be printed on nickel instead of paper.

THE death has occurred at Edinburgh, of Mr. Arthur Giles who was for over half a century identified with the firm of Messrs. Robert Grant and Son, booksellers, 107, Princes-street. Mr. Giles was the proprietary editor of the County Directory of Scotland.

MR. W. HOWARD HAZELL's series of articles in the *Times* (Trade Supplement) on "Modern Costing"—to which we have previously referred—have just concluded with one on "How to Instal the System," in which reference is made to the costing organisation of the Federation of Master Printers.

THE death at Highgate last week, in his 70th year, of Mr. James Alexander Manson, removes a well-known literary figure of London. From 1894 to 1900 he was chief editor at Messrs. Cassell's, and edited "Cassell's Encyclopædia," and later was on the "Encyclopædia Britannica" editorial staff.

MR. WALTER RANDALL, of 207, Jockey-road, Wyldes Green, Sutton, Coldfield, printer, left £10,320 (net personality £6,907).

ROCHDALE stationers and newsagents have suffered a great loss by the sudden death last week of Mr. W. McDowell, who has been the secretary of the Rochdale Stationers' Co., Ltd., for many years.

MR. W. E. HICKS, for many years editor of the *Western Daily Press*, Bristol, has died at the age of 69 years. He was a past-president of the Bristol branch of the Institute of Journalists and of the West of England Press Fund.

AN end was made on Tuesday to the action for alleged incendiarism in connection with the recent mysterious fire at Arthur-street. Charged at the Central Criminal Court with setting fire to a quantity of paper at 11, Arthur-street, E.C., Simon Isaacs (27), printer, was found not guilty on the judge's direction and acquitted.

AT the annual dinner of the Society of Somerset Men in London, held on Friday, 11th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, under the chairmanship of Col. the Hon. Aubrey Herbert, M.P., there was a good sprinkling of people connected with the world of printing and journalism. The toast of "The County of Somerset" was in the able hands of Mr. Percy Hurd, M.P. (Frome Division), while the response to the toast of "The Society of Somerset Men in London" was made by Mr. W. A. Perkins (chairman of the Society's committee).

COSTING LECTURES AT ROCHDALE.—Under the Rochdale Education Committee, the Rochdale Master Printers' Association have arranged for a series of six lectures on "Costing in the Printing Trade," to be delivered by Mr. John Taylor, of the Queen's Press, Manchester. The opening lecture was delivered last week in the Rochdale Technical School, when Mr. J. P. Howarth, of the Rochdale Master Printers' Association, took the chair. The lecturer dealt mainly with the necessity for costing on a sound basis if the printing industry is to prosper. Subsequent lectures will cover different phases of costing and the methods used.

A RESOURCEFUL N.Y. PRINTERY.—Specimens of two well-printed booklets are sent us from the printing office of Mr. Douglas C. McMurtrie (the Arbor Press, Inc., New York City)—the author of the interesting article, "City Printers and Country Competition," in last week's issue. One of these booklets is entitled "Printing for the Inhabitants of the Island of Hainan, China," and it certainly has a touch of the unique about it, inasmuch as it contains specimens of printings from types which, Mr. McMurtrie explains, were cut in steel in his own type foundry, and from which was printed for the first time a newly-invented script alphabet, devised by a missionary. In the other booklet Mr. McMurtrie gives specimens of, and some particulars about, a dainty outline type, Le Moreau-le-Jeune, which he has imported from the Fonderie Peignot, Paris.



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Current Topics.

District Committees of the J.I.C.

THE subject of the advisability of forming District Committees of the Joint Industrial Council of the Printing and Allied Trades is very much to the fore at the present time. The J.I.C. is again urging the setting up of a Committee in each centre, as provided for in the Council's constitution. Both the employers and the T.U. representatives unite in this endeavour, for they realise that without District Councils the parent Council loses much of its usefulness and of its means—as a composite body—of keeping in touch with the trade throughout the country. There are those who still doubt the need for the J.I.C., and consequently for the District Committees. To these it may be said that the Council has undoubtedly done some good work already; indeed, it is the only joint and fully representative body we have which has an "atmosphere of its own," an atmosphere very different from that of the

Joint Labour Committee and other similar committees, at which "contentious" matters are always being considered.

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Functions of District Committees.

THE Council has useful constructive work in hand, and is now dealing with the subjects of apprentices, health, unemployment, advocacy of the costing system, organisation throughout the country, Parliamentary matters, educational problems and the social amenities and general welfare of employees in the printing and allied trades. It is in continual touch (by duly appointed officers), with the Ministry of Labour and the Board of Trade, and it has, as is well known, acted on several occasions in its capacity of a conciliation body with beneficial results. The District Committees are created for similar purposes, but they, acting locally, have the great advantage of bringing employers into closer touch (apart from actual business) with those they employ, under conditions which permit of free discussion on matters of the advancement of the trade and those employed in it. There can be little doubt as to the better understanding and greater confidence which these meetings bring about; they often prove illuminating to both sets of representatives, and they go a long way towards removing the complaint, too often justly made in the past, that the worker is not consulted on matters which closely concern his daily life. The centres at which these committees are in operation are enthusiastic as to the advantages they are reaping, and it is expected that the formation of District Committees will proceed much more rapidly as their possibilities for good become more widely realised.

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Annual Conference of the P. and K.T.F.

FOLLOWING close upon the heels of the annual convention of the Joint Industrial Council (to be held, as we have previously announced, at Brighton on April 12th), will come the annual administrative conference of the Printing and Kindred Trades Federation of the United Kingdom. This conference will meet in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, from April 13th to 15th, and it is expected that about 60 delegates will be present, representing over 200,000 organised workers in the industry. Unemployment, unemployment insurance, apprentices, and many other subjects of vital importance will be discussed, and we gather that prominence will be given again to the question of further amalgamation

among the numerous unions in the printing and allied trades.

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Slump in Paper Imports.

THERE was a decrease of 666,555 cwts. in the imports of paper, etc., into the United Kingdom last month as compared with January of last year. In printing and writing paper in large sheets there was a drop of 42,847 cwts., and in packings and wrappings (including tissues) a reduction of 262,392 cwts. A heavy falling off also took place in the receipts of strawboards, the quantity being 204,379 cwts. below that for the first month of last year, whilst mill, leather, card and paste-board show a decrease of 100,551 cwts. Among countries supplying the British market Germany stands almost alone in regard to increased shipments. Last month the receipts of printings and writings in large sheets from the source mentioned were 11,121 cwts. of the value of £31,157, as against 401 cwts. and £1,903 in January of last year; packings and wrappings, 21,711 cwts. valued at £70,012, as against 3,746 cwts. and £8,517; and coated papers, 818 cwts. of the value of £4,870, as against 108 cwts. and £263. Canada, formerly included with other countries, is now shown separately in the list of countries of supply. It is noteworthy that printings and writings (4,920 cwts. of the value of £14,377) and also packings and wrappings (5,682 cwts. valued at £14,322) under Canada last month fall considerably under the receipts from Germany. Another country given status in the list is Finland, from which source we received last month packings and wrappings, etc., to the extent of 5,810 cwts. of the value of £16,194. The total imports for January, viz., 402,273 cwts., show a decrease of 60 per cent. as compared with first month of last year and 59.3 per cent. as compared with January, 1913. Last month's total value—£1,006,141—shows a decrease of 44.6 per cent. as compared with January of last year and an increase of 64 per cent. as compared with January, 1913.

IN aid of the Printers' Pension Almshouse and Orphan Asylum and of local charities, East Ham and Upton Park Auxiliary is arranging a Bohemian Concert to be held in the Green Man, Upton Park, E., next Saturday.

MR. ROBERT H. RUDDOCK is to preside at the grand Bohemian concert to be held on behalf of the Lithographers' Auxiliary to the Printers' Pension Corporation at Cannon-street Hotel on Monday next.

AN Advertisement is always working.

Personal.

At a meeting of influential City business men held at the Guildhall on Monday to protest against the new telephone charges, Sir G. Rowland Blades (who was a member of the Parliamentary Committee which inquired into the 'phone charges) defended the Government position.

THE principal guest at the monthly dinner of the Press Club on Saturday was Sir Harry Lauder.

THE Newport and Monmouthshire Master Printers and Allied Trades' Association, at its recent annual meeting, elected as president for the ensuing year Mr. A. Whittaker, as vice-president, Mr. J. Gould, and as executive committee, Messrs. G. Bell, G. T. Wright, H. Ll. Hughes, G. E. Dibdin, W. Iles and W. E. Lee.

MR. ROBERT GARNER, the late editor of the *Bradford Daily Telegraph*, was the recipient the other day of a presentation by his former colleagues. Mr. W. Fleming, the present editor, in making the presentation, spoke of the excellent relations which always existed between Mr. Garner and his staff.

MR. FREDERIC W. GOUDY, the celebrated American type designer, has just been appointed Art Director for the Lanston Monotype Co., of Philadelphia. The appointment gives further evidence of the efforts being put forth to make the work of the Monotype equivalent to that of the best hand composition.

MR. MAX PEMBERTON has been invited by Columbia University to go to Honolulu as representing the London School of Journalism at the World's Press Congress, to be held in October.

Stationers' Social Society.

THE annual winter dinner, to which ladies are invited, promises to be one of the greatest successes ever achieved by the Stationers' Social Society. It will be held at the Hotel Cecil, Saturday next, February 19th. Considerable energy is being infused by the committee lately appointed and the officers are also strenuously working to advance the welfare of the organisation. So much so that it is stated that 60 new members have been introduced during the present year.

The future programme of the Society includes arrangements in regard to bowling, golf competitions, and another whist drive and dance is being planned for the next month or so.

Commercial Intelligence.

CURRENT SHARE PRICES.

Amalgamated Press, 4½, Pref., 15s. 6d.; Associated Newspapers, 7 p.c.Cum., 17s. 6d. Pref., 14s. 3d.; British Photographic Industries, 16s., 16s. 3d.; J. Byrom and Sons, 12s. 4d.; R. W. Crabtree and Sons, 8 p.c. Cum. Part Pref., 9s., 8s. 11d.; Cropper, 17s. 6d.; *Daily Mirror* Newspapers, 8 p.c. Cum. Pref., 18s. 6d.; J. Dickinson, 23s. 7½d., 1st Pref., 60½, 2nd Pref., 60½; *Financial News*, 25s., Pref., 9s. 6d., 9s.; Ilford, 13s. 3d., 14s. Pref., 13s. 3d.; *Illustrated London News*, 2s., Pref., 8s. 9d.; International Linotype, 50; Lamson Paragon, 19s.; Lanston Monotype Corporation, 10s.; Linotype, B Deb., 52; Edward Lloyd, 18s.; Charles Marsden, 18s., Pref., 17s. 7½d.; New Pegamoid, 15s. 9d.; Geo. Newnes, 11s. 6d., Pref., 10s. 9d.; Odhams Press, 8s. 3d., 8 p.c. Cum. Pref., 12s. 9d., 11s. 3d.; C. A. Pearson, Pref., 18s. 9d.; Roneo, 33s. 6d., Pref., 13s.; Sunday Pictorial Newspapers, 17s. 7½d.; Wall-Paper Manufacturers, Def., 10s. 10½d., Pref., 13s. 11½d.; Weldon, 33s. 9d.; Wiggins, Teape, and Co. (1919), 19s. 4½d., 7 p.c. Cum. Pref., 16s. 9d., 8 p.c. 1st. Mt. Red. Debs., 104, (iss. at 98, £68 pd.), 72½.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

SUNDAY PICTORIAL NEWSPAPERS (1919)
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NEW COMPANIES.

HYDROLOID, LTD. (London).—Capital £20,000 in £1 shares; to acquire certain patents relating to an invention for the manufacture of oil and water-resisting papers and boards, etc. Private company. Subscribers: A. W. Claremont and Irene L. Claremont.

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HILL, SIFFKEN AND CO., LTD.—Capital £50,000 in £1 shares; to acquire the assets, undertaking and all or any of the liabilities of the London Printing Alliance, Ltd. Private company. Subscribers: H. C. Hill and

E. Hill. Registered office: Grafton Works North-road, Holloway, N.7.

COUNTY END PAPER MILL CO., LTD.—Capital £30,000 in £1 shares; manufacturers of and dealers in all kinds of paper, paper stainers, decorators, engravers, printers' book-cloth manufacturers, etc. Private company. First directors: J. Seddon and A. C. Witby, jun.

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SANDS AND McDUGALL (PROPRIETARY).—Particulars filed at Somerset House pursuant to Section 274 of the Companies' (Consolidation) Act. Capital £500,000 in £1 shares. The company was registered in Victoria, Australia, on June 30th, 1919, to carry on the business of printers, stationers and publishers of the "Directory of Victoria." The British address is at 37-38, Mitre street, Aldgate, E.C., where N. Hamilton-Smith and L. J. McDougall are authorised to accept service of process and notices on behalf of the company. Directors: F. H. Wilson, N. H. Smith and D. McDougall, of Melbourne; and G. Fraser, of Adelaide.

COMPANY MORTGAGES AND CHARGES.

Fresh Obligations registered pursuant to Section 93 of the Companies' (Consolidation) Act, 1908, and Satisfaction registered pursuant to Section 97 of the same Act. (The registration of Satisfaction is not compulsory).

SOUTH-EASTERN PRESS, LTD.—Mortgage debenture dated February 3rd, 1921, to secure £250, charged on company's undertaking and property, present and future, including uncalled capital (subject to prior debenture for £250). Holder: Mrs. B. E. Bucklow, 272, Shrewsbury-road, Forest Gate, E.

BRITISH COLOUR PRINTING CO. (1920), LTD.—Mortgage and land registry charge on cer-

tain freehold properties in Briant-street, New Cross, S.E., both dated January 31st, 1921, to secure all moneys due or to become due from company to Barclay's Bank, Ltd.

LEACH AND SON, LTD. (printers, etc., Wisbech, Cambs.).—Debenture dated January 27th, 1921, to secure £1,000, charged on company's property, present and future, including uncalled capital. Holder: J. Leach, "Carmen," Wisbech.

W. H. BLIGH AND CO., LTD. (printers, Rams-gate).—Particulars of £700 debentures authorised January 17th, 1921, whole amount issued; charged on company's undertaking and property, including uncalled capital.

C. J. CULLIFORD AND SONS (LITHO), LTD. (London).—Charge on certain land and premises in West Norwood, dated January 31st, 1921, to secure £7,000. Holders: Bank of Liverpool and Martins.

E. N. MASON AND SONS, LTD. (engineers and general stationers).—Mortgage dated January 29th, 1921, to secure £2,500, charged on certain buildings and premises in Colchester. Holder: H. G. Elwes, 3, High-street, Colchester.

SAGAR'S UNIVERSAL STORES, LTD. (job dealers, printers, stationers, paper bag merchants, etc.).—Particulars of £2,000 debentures authorised January 5th, 1921, present issue £870. Charged on company's property, present and future, including uncalled capital.

G. L. COLLINS, LTD. (publishers, newspaper proprietors, etc., Fulham).—Issue on January 12th, 1921, of £100 debentures, part of a series already registered.

BANKRUPTCIES, etc.

Re THOMAS R. HEARNE.—The adjourned public examination in bankruptcy took place at Wells of Thomas Ralph Hearne, until recently proprietor of the *Wells Journal*, printer and stationer, who is now serving three years penal servitude for bigamy. The official receiver said the statement of affairs had now been amended and showed unsecured creditors amounting to £10,003 instead of £10,871. On the other side the chief alteration concerned the value of the stock-in-trade which was formerly fixed at £2,079 and was now scheduled at £2,700. Another item had been inserted, viz., a moiety of the goodwill of the *Wells Journal* and associated publications, £500, making the total estimated assets £7,514 instead of £5,828. The amended statement showed an estimated deficiency of £3,664 as against £5,512 in the original statement. Pressed by Mr. A. M. Taylor (for the trustee) as to the name in which he was registered or baptised, debtor eventually wrote his Christian name and surname on a piece of paper, which was handed to the registrar. Claims by Hearne's real wife and Miss Calder to furniture were considered at some length. Replying to Mr. Taylor, debtor said he did

not know what became of the sword he had worn; a lot of things had disappeared from the house to all accounts. Questioned as to his claim to an interest in Russian bonds and cotton mills, debtor said he meant simply that he was asked by a man to dispose of the bonds; and he was to receive a commission. The examination was closed.

Re AUBREY M. COHEN, 37, Cambridge-terrace, Hyde Park, formerly printer.—This debtor attended before Mr. Registrar Hope at the London Bankruptcy Court on February 9th for public examination upon accounts showing gross liabilities £17,059 5s. 10d. (unsecured £559 5s. 10d.), and assets "nil." In the course of his evidence the debtor stated that in the middle of 1913 he commenced business in partnership with another person at Hampstead-road, N.W., as offset printers, under the style of "Etting and Aubrey." He then introduced £4,000 capital into the business, and at later dates further capital amounting to another £4,000, both sums raised on mortgage of his reversionary interest under his late grandfather's will. The business proved a failure from the first, and witness lost the whole of his capital. He attributed his insolvency to the loss of that £8,000 and to insufficiency of income to meet charges on the before-mentioned and other mortgages raised on his interest under the will. The examination was concluded.

Mr. Naylor on Wage Cutting.

Mr. T. E. Naylor, secretary, London Society of Compositors, contributes an article to yesterday's *Daily Herald* under the title of "The War on Wages." He questions whether a reduction of wages would cause a considerable fall in prices, and he represents it as unfair that wage-cutting should be suggested as the first step in the matter.

"Although labour costs are a considerable item in most forms of production," he writes, "it is questionable as to how far they influence cost as compared with other factors of the problem, such as interest, profits, and middlemen's charges. It is significant that at a time when nominal wages have reached their highest, prices have declined several points. In some departments of manufacture considerable cuts in price have taken place. There is no influence so strong in the bringing down of prices as a falling off in demand, and in this we may find the explanation of the present drop. In any case, it is evident that other margins have been cut, margins wide and deep, margins of interest and profit. Whatever the cause, however, the result is there—a lowering of prices, and that in advance of any reduction of wages. Surely, then, to ask the would-be wage cutters to hold their hand awhile is not an extravagant request. Who knows: prices may fall further yet, and so obviate any necessity for tampering with wages. Let us wait and see."

Concert at the Printers' Almshouses.

One of the best concerts ever given at the Printers' Almshouses at Wood Green was provided on Saturday evening through the kindness of Mr. H. B. Isaacs (of North Finchley), who secured the assistance of several members of the Central Concert Party (hon. secretary Mr. Sidney Simons, of Stamford Hill), an organisation founded in 1900 for the purpose of giving entertainments at hospitals and other institutions and for benevolent purposes. The arrangements were made by Mr. W. A. Perkins (member of the Council of the Printers' Pension Corporation), in conjunction with Mr. W. Vandy (the chairman of the Almshouse Committee), the latter presiding over a very full gathering.

Songs, concerted pieces, and instrumental music followed each other in quick succession, to the evident delight of the audience. During an interval refreshments provided from funds raised among members of the staff of the Cornwall Press (late Richard Clay and Sons) through the agency of Mr. A. D. Newbery were served to the old people, who seemed much to appreciate the kindly thought shown.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Isaacs and his friends was passed on the motion of the chairman, seconded by the Right Hon. C. W. Bowerman, M.P.

Mr. Isaacs expressed the pleasure it had given the party to be of service to the institution, and Mr. W. A. Perkins voiced the thanks of the company to Mr. Vandy for his conduct in the chair and his many services to the Almshouses.

Regret was expressed at the absence through illness of Mr. Percy Lewingdon (who had generously given the concert programmes) and also of Mr. Joseph Mortimer, O.B.E., who had an engagement at one of the Printers' Auxiliary concerts in South London.

Italian Paper Import Regulations.

According to an Italian Ministerial Decree, which came into effect on January 12th, the importation of playing cards is reserved to the State, and may not be imported on private account. Paper wares and cardboard wares are not subject to import licence requirements when coming from the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, or the United States of America.

"MAGIC LANTERN" NEWSPAPER.—A novel type of newspaper is reported from Moscow, it being stated that the Tamboff Soviet daily newspaper "issues" an evening addition by means of a magic lantern. Every day some 200 lines of print, illustrations, and portraits are shown.

London Newspaper Clerks.

The newspaper clerks section of the National Society of Operative Printers' Assistants, whose London secretary is Mr. Allan Maclean, reports that this organisation has increased from 1,000 members in July last to 2,000 at the present time. The recent arrangement with the N.P.A. for an all-round increase for those engaged in newspaper offices has had a stimulating effect upon the membership. Negotiations are at present in progress with other sections of the trade in London with a view to bringing the members into line with the newspaper offices.

The newspaper clerks who have benefited by the co-ordination with the Society have shown their appreciation by sending along their subscriptions to the "Natsopa" Memorial Home, and a movement is now on foot for the newspaper clerks' section to endow two cubicles, one for men and one for women.

We understand that it is expected that the Home will be ready to receive patients by Easter.

A Printers' Memorial.

An impressive ceremony took place at Grafton Works (Hill, Siffken and Co., Ltd.), on Tuesday, February 8th, when, in the presence of practically the whole staff, a tablet was dedicated in memory of the eleven men from the firm who fell in the war.

In unveiling the memorial, Mr. H. C. Hill referred to the fact that it is possibly the only one of its kind in the Kingdom. Consisting of a lithographic stone, prepared by lithographers, designed and drawn by lithographic artists, with portions set in type by compositors, it is representative of both sides of the craft with which the fallen men were familiar in life. The work entirely of their fellow workers, it forms a true printers' memorial to their dead comrades.

The dedication service was conducted in a most impressive manner by the Rev. Frank Stone, M.C.M.A., Vicar of St. Luke's, West Holloway.

NEW LONDON OFFICES.—Messrs. Felber, Jucker and Co., Ltd., the well-known wholesale paper agents, of Manchester, have removed their London offices from 37, Walbrook, E.C., to 77-79, Cannon-street, E.C.4, where most commodious premises have been secured offering greater facilities for the conduct of the firm's business. The offices are well arranged and equipped, there being two telephone lines (Nos. 6988 and 6989 City), thus making it more convenient for clients to get in touch with the London sales department, which, for many years, has been under the successful management of Mr. H. Haxton, whose popularity is well known in trade circles owing to his urbanity and genial disposition.

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Paper and Cardboard.

Imports into the United Kingdom during January.

Total imports of paper and cardboard into the United Kingdom for January, and for the same month of 1920 and 1913 were as follows:—

TOTAL IMPORTS.			
Jan.,	1921	402,273 cwtS.	£1,006,141
"	1920	1,008,828 "	1,817,661
"	1913	990,278 "	613,219

Details of the imports for last month are as under:—

PRINTING AND WRITING PAPER IN LARGE SHEETS.

Sweden	...	16,939 cwtS.	£49,825
Norway	...	22,082 "	59,008
Germany	...	11,121 "	31,157
Belgium	...	1,399 "	4,959
U.S.A.	...	2,573 "	11,095
Canada	...	4,920 "	14,377
Other Countries	...	33,459 "	83,032

Totals ... 92,493 ... 244,513

PACKING AND WRAPPING, INCLUDING TISSUE PAPER.

Finland	...	5,810 cwtS.	£16,194
Sweden	...	23,034 "	73,833
Norway	...	18,768 "	67,497
Germany	...	21,711 "	70,012
Belgium	...	6,844 "	25,039
Canada	...	5,682 "	14,322
Other Countries	...	18,805 "	62,225

Totals—Jan., 1921 100,654 ... 329,722
 " 1920 363,046 ... 868,534
 " 1913 338,358 ... 235,038

COATED PAPERS.

Germany	...	818 cwtS.	£4,870
Belgium	...	1,979 "	11,758
France	...	601 "	4,346
U.S.A.	...	1,097 "	11,049
Other Countries	...	410 "	2,805

Totals ... 4,905 ... 35,724

OTHER IMPORTS.

Stationery	...	2,850 cwtS.	£19,064
Mill, Leather, Card and Pasteboard	...	53,756 "	129,580
Strawboards	...	129,117 "	121,648
Other Sorts	...	18,498 "	125,886

British Paper and Cardboard.

Exports During January.

The total exports of British paper and cardboard during January of this and the preceding year and also for 1913 were as under:—

TOTAL EXPORTS.

Jan.,	1921	...	221,467 cwtS.	£1,417,784
"	1920	...	158,419 "	656,864
"	1913	...	322,931 "	334,844

The exports for January last, with countries of supply in some cases, fall under the following headings:—

PRINTING, NOT COATED.

	CwtS.	£
France	...	3,144 11,796
United States	...	1,096 10,029
Other Foreign Countries	...	23,801 121,236
British South Africa	...	16,390 81,848
British India	...	17,526 77,479
Straits Settlements	...	1,089 5,538
Ceylon	...	1,844 7,987
Australia	...	48,860 222,791
New Zealand	...	9,384 43,244
Canada	...	439 2,602
Other British Possessions	...	6,727 32,737

Totals—Jan., 1921 ... 130,300 617,578
 " 1920 ... 57,183 197,370
 " 1913 ... 187,865 177,004

WRITING PAPER IN LARGE SHEETS.

	CwtS.	£
France	...	266 1,604
United States	...	25 410
Other Foreign Countries	...	4,616 37,085
British South Africa	...	2,016 13,614
British India	...	3,739 20,063
Straits Settlements	...	785 5,908
Ceylon	...	344 2,589
Australia	...	7,367 43,367
New Zealand	...	2,094 15,307
Canada
Other British Possessions	...	1,253 9,614

Totals—Jan., 1921 ... 22,505 156,161
 " 1920 ... 12,519 66,043
 " 1913 ... 16,272 35,788

PACKING AND WRAPPING AND TISSUE.

	CwtS.	£
Packing and Wrapping	...	11,869 49,809
Tissue	...	887 16,058

COATED PAPERS.

	CwtS.	£
Printed and Embossed Paperhangings	...	9,523 77,308
Other Sorts, except Waterproof Wrappings and Sensitised Photographic Paper	...	3,131 41,947
Roofing Paper, tarred, etc.	...	23 100

STATIONERY.

	CwtS.	£
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Other Sorts	...	19,020 275,905

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OTHER MANUFACTURES OF PAPER (NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED).

	Cwts.	£
France	57	509
United States	696	11,134
Other Foreign Countries ...	2,383	28,871
British South Africa ...	425	3,995
British East Indies ...	759	8,512
Australia	1,141	8,407
New Zealand	278	2,726
Canada	165	2,087
Other British Possessions ...	751	7,920

Totals—Jan., 1921 ...	6,655	74,071
" 1920 ...	4,428	41,793
" 1913 ...	6,829	15,169

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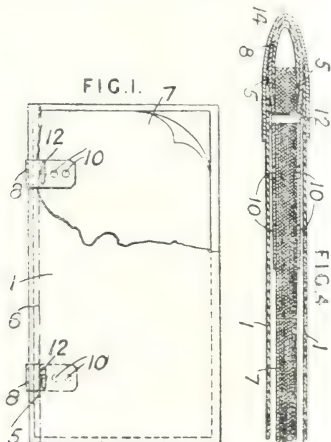
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New Inventions.

A Binding Invention.

The covers 1 of a flexible-band file, patented by Mr. L. R. Lewis, are provided, near the binding edge, with one or a number of pairs of slots 5 through each of which pass loosely the ends of a strip of flat flexible material 8 extending over the outside of the binder, the slots being formed in alignment with the hinge connection 6 between the covers and the back. One or both ends of each strip is

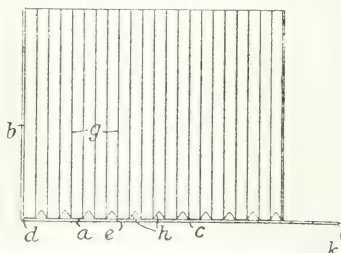


formed with a number of perforations 10 to permit of adjustment to accommodate a larger number of leaves 7, held by means of metal paper-fasteners 12 or a cord, the ends of which are hitched round the ends of the strips 8, passing through the leaves and the perforations 10. The strips 8, extending round the back of the binder may be variously coloured for classification purposes, or they may be covered by a strip of sheet material 14. Stiff covers may be attached to the flexible back portion.

Filing Papers.

Under this invention index files, of the kind having parallel expanding pockets formed with dividing leaves and expansible folds at the ends and backs, are provided with a cover having one or more folds or hinges so arranged that the back and at least one of the sides may lie flat on the table, the pockets

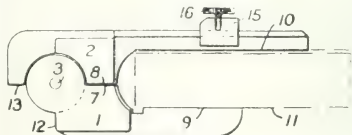
when expanded resting on the back and one side of the cover, the file itself being attached at one end of the cover only. The cover comprises a back a sides b c hinged at d and e, the dividing leaves being provided with expansible folds g h to form pockets. The side c



may have a short flap k with spring clip for locking to the cover, or it may have a long flap to be wound round the cover. A strap may be provided to encircle the cover. The file may be constructed to close in the manner of a box. The invention is patented by Messrs. G. H. Baker and J. Walker and Co.

Printer's Type-High Gauges.

Mr. G. J. O. Gillam has patented a printer's gauge which comprises a pair of arms pivoted together and adapted to be turned to lie parallel, leaving a space between them of correct dimension for gauging whether a printing block or the like is correctly "type-high," or they may be turned at right angles and used to set a form at correct distance from the edge of the bed. When used for gauging the



height of a block, as shown, the arms 1, 2, hinged at 3, are maintained with the edges 9, 10, at the correct distance apart corresponding with the height of a block 11 by a pair of shoulders 7, 8. Other shoulders 12, 13 maintain the arms at right angles for use on setting a form on a bed, the arm 2 being provided with an adjustable slider 15 which may be secured by a screw 16 at the position the edge of the form is to occupy.

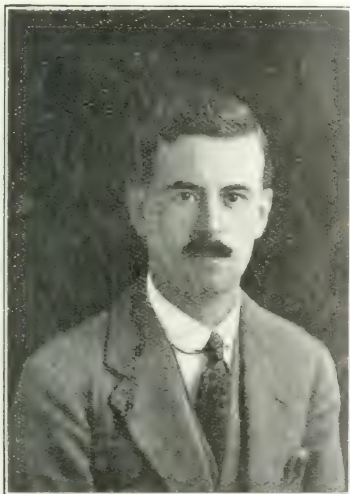
Wedding.

Captain Noel Bowater and Miss Constance H. Bett.

The wedding took place on the 1st inst. at Hasketon, Woodbridge, Suffolk, of Captain Noel Vansittart Bowater, M.C., eldest son of Major and Mrs. Bowater, and Constance Hilton, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Gordon Bett, of Hasketon, Suffolk. The event attracted a good deal of attention owing to the popularity of the bride and

Her bouquet was composed of lilies and white heather. Attending her were four bridesmaids, Miss Beryl Bowater, Miss Daisy Bett, Miss Muriel Dow, and Miss Doreen Charrington, who were attired in bronze-coloured velvet, with hats of velvet and charmeuse of the same colour, and adorned with tassels. Captain J. M. Grant, R.F.A., acted as best man.

A large number of handsome presents were received. Among those representative of the paper trade might be mentioned the gifts of Lord and Lady Riddell, Sir T. Vansittart and Lady Bowater, Sir Fredk. and Lady Bowater, Sir Hedley Le Bas, Sir Ernest and Lady Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Pomeroy Burton, Mr.



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The ceremony at Hasketon was very pretty. The bride's dress was of cream charmeuse, with train of the same material lined with pink Georgette and adorned with silver leaves.

Rider (*Daily Express*), Mr. and Mrs. H. Bradley (Chas. Marsden and Sons), Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fifoot, in addition, of course, to members of the family.

Next day a reception was held at the Empress Rooms, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, where the guests were received by Major Frank and Mrs. Bowater, the bride and bridegroom being the object of warm congratulations from "troops of friends."

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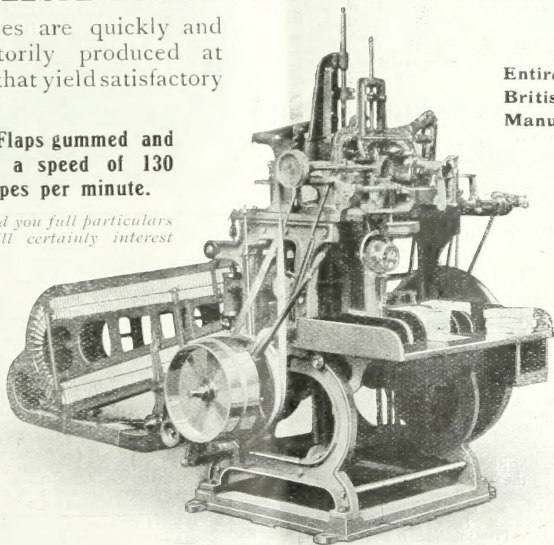
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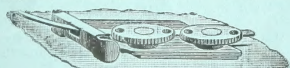
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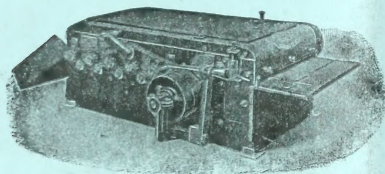
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